

REGULAR NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 22, 2009

The North Providence School Committee met on July 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at the High School. Members present were Chairwoman Reall, Mr. Marciano, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Iannetta, Mr. Palmieri, Ms. Leva and Mrs. Picard. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano, Ms. Donoyan, Mr. Lynch, Mrs. Celona, Mr. Milazzo and Mr. Scungio. Appropriate disclosure was made by the Chair concerning compliance with R.I. General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1) indicating that any person to be discussed had been appropriately notified.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

II. SALUTE TO FLAG

The Chair led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance and a moment

of silence.

III. CHAIR TO REPORT OUT ANY VOTES TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair next reported out that there was no Executive Session and there were no votes taken.

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano and carried to accept and seal the Minutes of the June 24, 2009 and June 29, 2009 Executive Session in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 5. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Ms. Leva, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair next reported that there was no correspondence received.

The Chair next asked if there was any objection to a request to move two items up on the Agenda. Hearing none, the Before and After School Day Care and Appointments were moved up.

V. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT (moved up on Agenda)

4. Before and After School Day Care.

Mr. Palmieri introduced the CEO/owner of Kids Club, Mary Ann Shallcross Smith, who gave a brief explanation of the services that will be offered to the children. She spoke about the adult to child ratio of 1 adult for every 13 children. She also spoke about the licensing requirements and program activities. Members of the Committee offered comments and questions.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (moved up on Agenda)

1. Appointments.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the following appointments: Lauren Atamian, Special Education Resource Teacher – Marieville School Effective August 31, 2009 (1st step); Katharine Bowers – Birchwood Middle School Science/ELA Teacher Effective August 31, 2009 (1st step with Masters); William Bowers, NPHS Physics Teacher Effective August 31, 2009 (4th Step With Masters); Michael Branca – Adaptive Physical Education Teacher – District Wide Effective August 31, 2009 (1st step); Cristina Brothers – Special Education/Self-Contained Teacher – McGuire School Effective August 31, 2009 (4th Step With Masters); Michelle Burchhardt – Special Education Teacher/Pre-K/Resource/DPT – Stephen Olney School Effective

August 31, 2009 (1st step); Carolyn Coughlin – Reading Specialist – Birchwood/Ricci Middle Schools Effective August 31, 2009 (1st step with Masters); Michael Daly, NPHS Industrial Arts Teacher Effective August 31, 2009 (1st step); Ashlee DeSimone – NPHS Math Teacher Effective August 31, 2009 (1st step); Jamie DiLorenzo, Special Education Self-Contained Teacher – Stephen Olney School Effective August 31, 2009 (2nd step); John DiSumma - NPHS Assistant Football Coach Effective for the 2009/2010 Season; Susan Farrell – School Nurse/Teacher – McGuire School Effective August 31, 2009 (1st step); Nichole Fiero – Middle School Math Teacher – Ricci Middle School Effective August 31, 2009 (1st step with Masters); Ashley Fontaine – Middle School Math Teacher – Ricci Middle School Effective August 31, 2009 (3rd step); Stephanie Fratiello – Birchwood Middle School – English Language Arts Teacher Effective August 31, 2009 (2nd step); Alexandria Grande, NPHS Physical Education/Health Teacher Effective August 31, 2009 (1st step); Nicole Hersey – NPHS Math Teacher Effective August 31, 2009 (1st step); Eric Izzi, NPHS Social Studies Teacher Effective August 31, 2009 (2nd step); Rachel Jones, NPHS Chemistry Teacher Effective August 31, 2009 (1st step); Kaila Kittell – Special Education Resource Teacher – Birchwood Middle School Effective August 31, 2009 (1st step); Robert Lamothe – NPHS Girls' Cross Country Coach Effective for the 2009/2010 Season; Helen Lantagne – Middle School Math Teacher – Birchwood Middle School Effective August 31, 2009 (2nd step); Donald Lareau – Industrial Arts Teacher – Ricci Middle School Effective August 31, 2009 – January 15, 2010 – Long Term Substitute for Teacher on Military Leave (4th

step); Andrew Laurie – NPHS Social Studies Teacher Effective August 31, 2009 (1st step); Alicia Lisi, Special Education Teacher Severe/Profound – Centredale School Effective August 31, 2009 (3rd step); Christina Louth, NPHS Social Studies Teacher Effective August 31, 2009 (1st step); Melissa Manfredi – Kindergarten Teacher – Stephen Olney School Effective August 31, 2009 to January 15, 2010 (1st step); Elisa Mariorenzi – Middle School Social Studies/English Language Arts Teacher – Birchwood Middle School Effective August 31, 2009 – (2nd step); Justin Moniz – NPHS Math Teacher – Effective August 31, 2009 (1st step); Giana Nassi – Middle School Science/ELA Teacher – Birchwood Middle School Effective August 31, 2009 (2nd step); Karen Nerney – Special Education Self/Contained Teacher – Birchwood Middle School Effective August 31, 2009 (1st step); Susan Papino – Speech/Language Pathologist – Effective August 31, 2009 (1st Step with Masters); Karen Previte – Ricci Middle School Yearbook Advisor Effective 2009/2010 School Year; Christina Renaud – Middle School Librarian – Birchwood Middle School Effective August 31, 2009 (1st Step with Masters); Jason Ryan – NPHS English Teacher Effective August 31, 2009 (1st Step); Alexandra Salisbury – Elementary Art Teacher – Centredale/McGuire/SOS Schools Effective August 31, 2009 (1st Step); Dina Silvaggio – ESL Teacher – Ricci Middle School Effective – August 31, 2009 (10th Step With Masters); Lindsey Zubrow – Speech/Language Pathologist – Effective August 31, 2009 (1st Step with Masters) (Pending Certification); Marissa Bianco – Grade 1 Teacher at Marieville School Effective August 31, 2009; Alacyn Lanzieri – Kindergarten Teacher at Marieville School

Effective August 31, 2009; and Nicole Lombardi – NPHS English Teacher Effective August 31, 2009. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Iannetta as to Resolution No. 09-07-10. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the appointments as presented.

Ms. Leva spoke about questions regarding the positions and not being able to speak with the Administration before the meeting to address her questions. She added that the questions have nothing to do with the candidates and that she intends to sit down with the Administration to get answers to her questions. She added that she would be voting nay to the appointments tonight because she has not had a chance to sit down with the Administration but, if the questions were answered to her satisfaction, she would change her vote at the next meeting to vote for the appointments. Mr. Marciano and Mr. Iannetta offered comments and congratulations to the appointees.

A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Ms. Leva, nay; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1. Congratulations and applause was extended to the appointees.

Next, Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the School Committee for the following interim appointments: Paul Morry – Whelan School - 90 days; Kenneth Ferreira – Birchwood Middle School - 90 days; Charles Graves – McGuire School – 90 days;

and John LaFauci – Assistant Principal – Birchwood Middle School – 90 days. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 09-07-10. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the interim appointments as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

The Chair announced that the Committee would wait a few minutes to allow anyone who wishes to leave to do so.

Next, the Chair returned to the Regular Agenda format.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Monthly Financial Report.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the Monthly Financial Report as presented. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Iannetta on Resolution No. 09-07-04. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Monthly Financial Report be approved. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, nay because he just received it last night; Ms. Leva, nay; and the Chair,

aye. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2.

2. Home Schooling Request.

Assistant Superintendent Donoyan asked for the advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the Home Schooling Request as submitted and in accordance with School Committee Policy. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta on Resolution No. 09-07-05. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Home Schooling Request be approved. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, nay; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, nay; Mr. Marciano, aye; the Chair, aye. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2.

3. Changes to Standing Orders.

Superintendent Ottaviano asked for the advice and consent of the School Committee for approval of the revisions to the Standing Orders based on Dr. Alario's recommendation based on state regulations. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Iannetta on Resolution No. 09-07-06. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the changes to the Standing Orders are approved with the caveat that Dr. Alario send a memorandum explaining the reason for his recommendation. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye;

Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

4. Budget Reconciliation.

Superintendent Ottaviano spoke about the municipal government level funding the School Department and the State Law requiring the School Committee to reconcile the budget. She reminded everyone that some of the cuts are contingent on contract negotiations. Based on advice of counsel, the School Committee should refrain from speaking about any of contingent cuts. Members of the Committee offered comments. The Chair suggested scheduling a meeting for next Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. to further discuss the budget reconciliation.

VII. SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

1. Interview Policy and 2. Personnel Policy – Mrs. Picard.

Mrs. Picard spoke about the Interview Policy and Personnel Policy being reviewed by the Personnel Subcommittee. Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 09-07-08 and 09-07-09. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of Mrs. Picard, the North Providence School Committee Interview Policy and Personnel Policy be sent to the School Committee Personnel

Committee for Review/Revisions. As roll call vote was taken, as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

3. Recycling – Mrs. Picard.

Mrs. Picard spoke about getting numbers for the recycling and requested that the issue of Recycling be sent to the Buildings and Grounds Committee to review and revise for needed cost effectiveness and environmental needs by looking at various recycling options. Being no discussion by the Committee, the Chair stated that the Committee looks forward to a report on the issue next month.

5. Revenue from Sports Teams – Mr. Palmieri.

Mr. Palmieri asked legal counsel if it would be possible to utilize sponsorships for school sports instead of getting rid of the sports. Mr. Scungio felt that it might be feasible but he would like to do some research and report his findings.

6. Volunteer Policy – Mrs. Picard.

Mrs. Picard spoke about working with Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Marciano to address concerns that North Providence does not have a Volunteer

Policy to assure the safety of the children. Other school districts throughout the State have policies requiring BCI and background checks for volunteers. Mrs. Picard spoke about drafting a policy and suggested that after a final review by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Marciano, the policy be submitted to the Committee for review.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS. (per By-Laws)

Bob Nasimento, Town Recycling Coordinator, spoke about the recycling programs in the Town. He spoke about his goal of getting the School Department involved in recycling. Superintendent Ottaviano spoke about the initiatives taken by the School Department and the recognition schools received for their efforts. Mr. Milazzo offered comments and clarifications regarding the recycling.

VIII. REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

No requests to address the committee were received.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented.

XI. USE OF PROPERTY REQUESTS

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests submitted which were not previously approved, based on School Committee Policy, availability and the request meeting all the necessary conditions. Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 09-07-11. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grant advice and consent to the approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XII. APPROVAL OF BILLS

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the List of Bills as presented and submitted to the Committee. Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi as to Resolution No. 09-07-12. Be it resolved that, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee grants advice and consent to approve and pay the July 21, 2009 List of Bills in the amount of \$169,896.26. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Ms. Leva, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Picard, seconded by Mr. Marciano as to Resolution No. 09-07-13. Be it resolved that, at the Recommendation of the Superintendent, the North Providence School Committee approve the Minutes of the previous month's meetings as presented. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Mr. Iannetta, aye; Mr. Cataldi, aye; Mr. Marciano, aye; Ms. Leva, aye; Mr. Palmieri, aye; Mrs. Picard, aye; and the Chair, aye. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS IN AGENDA ITEMS 8 - 13.

No comments were received.

XV. PENDING BUSINESS

There being no pending business, the Committee moved on to the next agenda item.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Marciano, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Marciano

and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Margie Caranci,
Recording Secretary of the North Providence
School Committee**

Date Submitted to Committee: August 21, 2009

Date Approved by the Committee: August 26, 2009